

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that question. The question of supplying copies to the members will be considered when the Report is likely to come up before this House.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Is there any restriction in the matter of supplying such books to the Members?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There is absolutely no restriction. When the matter is likely to come up before the Council, the question will be considered.

Mahomedan Clerks in the Secretariat and in the Account Office.

60. **MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMMED** (*Nominated*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Mahomedan clerks (both graduates and non-graduates) in the Secretariat and the Account Office?

(b) When did each enter service?

(c) When was each confirmed?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a), (b) and (c). A statement,* showing the names, date of first entertainment and the date of confirmation of the Mahomedan clerks now in service in the Secretariat and the Account Office, is placed on the table.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the main principle followed by them in confirming acting clerks?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The senior acting clerk is confirmed before the juniors are confirmed. That is the principle ordinarily followed.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMMED (*Nominated*): In Appendix II, Mr. Mahomed Yusuff Sait has been first entertained on 29-11-1093 as L. G. clerk, and on 27-11-1093 as H. G. third class clerk. How is that?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Before the gentleman took the B. A. degree, he was entertained in the Secretariat as a lower grade clerk.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMMED (*Nominated*): It is stated in the Appendix that he was entertained as L. G. clerk on the 29th and as Higher Grade third class clerk on the 27th. How can that be? Is it a printer's mistake?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It seems so. The date given is wrong. The year 1093 is a printer's mistake for 1097.

Alignment of a Tramway in the Shendurni Valley.

61. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Conservator of Forests submitted a scheme for the alignment of a tramway in the Shendurni Valley;

* Vide Appendix II—page 294.

Appendix I.*Vide Answer to Question No. 58.*

Statement of the work done by Mr. P. N. Vriddhachalam Aiyar
from 27-2-1099 to 7-3-1101.

1. From 27-2-1099 he was engaged in the preparation of samples of chemically pure starch from different kinds of farinaceous crops like *kachil*, *chempu*, *cherukizhangu*, *nanakizhangu*, tapioca, sweet potato, *kananga*, etc., to be sent to London for the British Empire Exhibition. He also prepared 14 samples of refined oils as exhibits.

2. *The study of the sugar resources of the State.*—He has nearly completed his investigations of the sweet toddy extracted from the cocoanut palm, the *olatti* palm and the palmyra palm.

3. *Study of the starch resources of the State.*—This work is in progress.

4. *The soil survey of the coastal area extending from Quilon to Arukutty.*—This work was started towards the close of last year.

5. *Methods to detect the presence of sweet toddy in fermented toddy.*—At the special request of the Excise Commissioner, he has worked out a new method to find out the adulteration of excise-toddy with sweet-toddy.

6. *Routine analysis.*—Mr. Vriddhachalam Aiyar has analysed 32 samples of manures, 13 samples of soils and 8 samples of salt.

Appendix II.*Vide Answer to Question No. 60.*

List of Mahomedan clerks, both graduates and non-graduates,
in the Secretariat and in the Account Office.

No.	Name.	Date of first entertain-ment.	Date of confirma-tion.	Remarks
SECRETARIAT.				
<i>Graduates.</i>				
1	M. Babji Sahib, H. G. 3rd Class clerk ...	10-11-1096	16-10-1100	
2	M. Mahomed Yusuff Sait ...	29-11-93 (as L. G. clerk)		
		27-11-93 (as H. G. 3rd class clerk)	...	Continues to act.
<i>Non-Graduates.</i>				
3	K. Mahomed Kasim, L. G. clerk ...	18-4-93	6-8-99	
4	H. A. Sheriff, Typist ...	1-11-86	15-3-1090	
5	N. Abdul Karim Sahib, Typist ...	10-9-97	1-1-1098	
ACCOUNT OFFICE.				
<i>Graduate.</i>				
1	Mahomed Sahib, H. G. clerk ...	1-7-98	...	Continues to act.